IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Page 28, line 8 as follows:

It should be noted that each of the above embodiments may have a structure for switching the pictures to be outputted according to the filter application information. An example of the filter application information in this case is shown in FIG. 11. In the diagram, the filter application information is presented by a number indicating which picture to be outputted, either filtered or unfiltered one. For example, the number "0" means that the unfiltered <u>pictures out</u> ~~picture, for each~~ of <u>all</u> the pictures in the stream <u>are</u> ~~is~~ outputted. The number "1" means to output the filtered <u>pictures out</u> ~~picture, for each~~ of <u>all</u> the pictures in the stream. The number "2" means to output the unfiltered <u>pictures out of the pictures</u> ~~picture for a picture~~ specified by the filter application information. The number "3" means to output the filtered <u>pictures out of the pictures</u> ~~picture for a picture~~ specified by the filter application information. The number "4" means to output the unfiltered <u>pictures out of the pictures following the</u> picture ~~for a picture~~ specified by the filter application information ~~and the pictures following the specified picture~~. The number "5" means to output the filtered <u>pictures out of the pictures following the</u> picture ~~for a picture~~ specified by the filter application information ~~and the pictures following the specified picture~~. The filter application information is set for arbitrary pictures in the stream. For example, the filter application information can be set in SEI (Supplemental Enhancement Information) which is considered as additional information in MPEG-4AVC Standard.